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FOLLOWING CONAKRY 1527 SENT ACTION STATE INFO ADDIS ABABA  
ABIDJAN DAKAR FREETOWN LAGOS LISBON MONROVIA LOURENCO MARQUES  
LUANDA 26 SEP RPT TO YOU QUOTE  
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SUBJEKT : DETAILS OF PAIGC INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

REF: CONAKRY 1512 (NOTAL), STATE 191071

1. DETAILS OF PAIGC DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH WERE  
NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME REFTEL SENT, HAVE NOW BEEN PUB-  
LISHED IN PAIGC COMMUNIQUE AND BROADCAST COMMENTARY BY REPUBLIC  
OF GUINEA GOVERNMENT RADIO.

2. PAIGK DECLARED INDEPENDENT STATE OF GUINEA BISSAU DURING  
SEPT 23-24 NATIONAL POPULAR ASSEMBLY HELD AT TOWN OF MADUNA  
DO BOE (11-44N, 14-1'W) INSIDE LIBERATED TERRITORY. AS OF  
MORNING SEPT 26 PAIGC LEADERSHIP DID NOT RETURNED CONAKRY AND  
THEIR OFFICE HERE HAS NOT ISSUED STATEMENT, BUT REPUBLIC OF  
GUINEA RADIO AND PRESS REPS WERE PRESENT AT ASSEMBLY AND HAVE  
BROADCAST TAPES OF HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING ON THEIR GOVERNMENT  
RADIO STATION. PAIGK OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF GUINEAN  
REPORTS, AND ALSO THA THEIR OWN RADIO HAS BROADCAST ANNOUNCE-  
MENT.

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3. ACCORDING TO BROADCASTS FROM CONAKRY, CONFERENCE OPENED AFTERNOON SEPT 23 WITH SECGEN PEREIRA'S SPEECH EMPHASIZING CULMINATION OF LONG STRUGGLE AND HOMAGE TO AMILCAJ CABRAL. SOME 120 DELEGATES FROM VARIOUS PROVINCES ATTENDED. UNDER DIRECTION OF AN ELECTORAL COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WERE ELECTED: PRESIDENT, NINO VEURA (WHO ALSO MEMBER OF WAR COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE STRUGGLE AND COMMISSAR FOR ARMED FORCES); VICE PRESIDENT, PAULO CORREIRA. VEIRA GAVE SPEECH SAYING A PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD BE DEBATED BY VARIOUS MASS ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS LABOR, STUDENTS, ARX. (EMBOFF INFORMED SEPARATELY THAT PELCC REPS VISITED ITALY, SWEDEN AND "SEVERAL" EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO STUDY CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR DRAFTING OF GUINEA BISSAU CONSTITUTION.)

4. SEPT 24 SESSION OPENED WITH READING OF PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH READ IN PORTUGUESE AND GARBLED TRANSLATION GIVEN SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR GUINEA RADIO. DOCUMENT EMPHASIZED NON-ALIGNMENT OF NEW STATE AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE TO END PORTUGUESE "AGGRESSION". BOUNDARIES OF NEW STATE WERE GIVEN: TERRITORY BETWEEN GUINEA AND SENEGAL AND OFF SHORE ISLANDS, I.E., ALL TERRITORY FORMERLY IN PORTUGUESE COLONY (THIS IS HOW PAIGC DESCRIBED TERRITORY). FLAG RAISED AND NATIONAL HYMN (FORMERLY PARTY HYMN) SOUNDED AT 0850 HOURS SEPTEMBER 24. FLAG IS "VERTICAL RED STRIPE WITH BLACK STAR, HORIZONTAL GREEN AND YELLOW STRIPES".

5. COUNCIL OF STATE THEN ELECTED. PRESIDENT LUIS KABJAL, VICE PRESIDENT OUMAR DIALLO, 13 SECRETARIES WITHOUT FURTHER DESIGNATION. CABRAL GAVE SPEECH ON HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF OCCASION, AND THANKED "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, AND SWEDEN, CUBA, ALGERIA AND GUINEA" FOR PAST SUPPORT. FULSOHL PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT SEKOU TOKULBAND GUINEA FOLLOWED. (THERE MAY HAVE BEEN REFERENCES TO OTHER COUNTRIES EDUTED OUT FOR GUINEA BROADCAST.) CABRAL THEN ANNOUNCED COUNCIL OF STATE HEADED BY "PRINCIPAL COMMISSAR, PRIME MINI VER CHICO". LONG LISTING OF COMMISSARS FOR VARIOUS CABINET POSITIONS FOLLOWED. (RATHER THAN TRANSMIT MISSPELLINGS OF NAMES DUE TO RADIO TRANSMISSION, EMBASSY WILL AWAIT PUBLISHED LIST OF MINISTERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEFORE REPORTING.) COMRADE CHICO THEN GAVE SPEECH EMPHASIZING PROBLEMS FACING NEW STATE, SUCH AS DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES, CREATING NATIONAL MONEY, SETTING UP GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE.,

6. FINAL SPEECH WAS BY PEREIRA, STILL CALLED SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO SAID NATIONAL DAY WOULD BE SEPT 12, AMILCAR

NABAL'S BIRTHDAY.

7. CONAKRY GOVERNMENT RADIO REPORT OF CEREMONIES FOLLOWED  
IMMEDIATELY W FODE BEJETA, EDITORIAL REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

PARTY NEWSPAPER WHO READ MESSAGE OF RECOGNITION "DE JURE"  
FROM SEKOU TOURE.

8. EXPECT LOCAL PAIGK OFFICE AND REPUBLIC OF GUINEA'S ONLY  
NEWSPAPER TO PUBLISH DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN NEXT FEW  
DAYS. WILL  
FORWARD MORE DETAILS AT THAT TIME.

9. COMMENT: FOR MONTHS PAIGC WAS BEEN CLAIMING THEY WOULD  
DECLARE INDEPENDENCE BEFORE THE END OF 1973. DO NOT KNOW  
WHY SEPT 24 DATE CHOSEN. ACCORDING TO TWO LOW-RANKING PAIGC  
OFFICIALS, DATE HAS NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE ORGAN-  
IZATION. ANNOUNCEMENT BY REPUBLIC OF GUINEA RADIO AND FACT  
THAT TOURE WAS FIRST TO RECOGNIZE INDICATE ROLE AND INFLUENCE  
SEKOU TOURE HAS IN PAIGC. SENEGAL WAS NOT AMONG COUNTRIES  
THANKED BY LUIS CABRAL IN HIS SPEECH. ACCORDING TO LOCAL  
DIPLOMATIC SOURCE USUALLY WELL-INFORMED ON PAIGC DEVELOP-  
MENTS, PAIGC HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN DECIDING HOW TO DEAL  
WITH CRISIS IN GUINEAN-SENEGALESE RELATIONS.  
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